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SUBJECT: USANATO Policy Letter 7, Army Family Team Building

1. Reference AR 608-48, Army Family Team Building (AFTB) Program, 28 March 2005.
2. The Army Family Team Building (AFTB) Program was created by and for Army families. Underlying the AFTB Program is the belief that appropriately trained individuals can perform at a high level in any situation with minimal outside support.
3. AFTB improves Army readiness by teaching and promoting self-reliance through progressive education. This program helps the total Army family adapt to change and respond to lessons learned. AFTB volunteers provide professional service in partnership with local community organizations, such as family readiness groups and Army Family Action Plan committees.
4. The involvement of commanders is vital to AFTB's success. Commanders can demonstrate their support of AFTB and emphasize the importance of family-member readiness by promoting attendance at AFTB family-member classes. Commanders should place particular emphasis on informing junior Soldiers and their families of the benefits of AFTB training. Information on AFTB must be included in noncommissioned officer (NCO) and officer professional development. In addition, NCOs and officers will attend an AFTB overview to become fully aware of what the AFTB Program has to offer.
5. Commanders will ensure that AFTB programs are accessible to Soldiers and family members and provide support to these programs. The AFTB Program is vital to the readiness of USANATO family members. Commanders will support AFTB and ensure that Soldiers and family members are aware of this program.

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